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In the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A coupling arrangement for enabling fixing of a structure member to a body structure member, the coupling arrangement comprising:

at least two externally threaded tubes; [[,]]

one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a first end portion of an internally threaded passage through a housing and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage; [[, and]]

another one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a second opposite end portion of said internally threaded passage and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage; [[,]]

said housing being fixed attachable in relation to said structure members; and ~~wherein~~
a threaded bolt [[is]] arranged through said internally threaded passage and ~~said threaded bolt is~~ adapted to connect said body structure member to said structure member in a coupling position, from which coupling position said threaded bolt, via inserts provided in said externally threaded tubes, enables adjusting operations of said threaded tubes in opposite directions along said threaded bolt, so that said threaded tubes are adjustable to a respective fixed position by turning the threaded bolt; [[,]]

one of said threaded tubes and threaded housing provided with flanges for support against a structure member.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 1, wherein the one of said threaded tubes is arranged left-hand threaded in the first end portion of the housing and the another one of said threaded tubes is arranged right-hand threaded in the second opposite end portion of the housing.

Claim 3 (Original): The coupling arrangement of claim 1, wherein the fixing of said coupling arrangement is enabled by operation of one threaded bolt which is accessible from the outside of said body structure member relative to the coupling arrangement.

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Claim 4 (Original): The coupling arrangement of claim 1, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a body tensioning tube forming a supporting structure with said housing for the interior of the body structure in a fixed position.

Claim 5 (Original): The coupling arrangement of claim 1, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a tolerance absorbing tube capable of forming a supporting structure between said coupled structure members.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Original): The coupling arrangement of claim 1, wherein said threaded bolt is arranged to slide against an insert of a corresponding threaded tube when said threaded tube having reached a hard stop.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A vehicle body having a coupling arrangement wherein the coupling arrangement includes at least two externally threaded tubes, one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a first end portion of an internally threaded passage through a housing and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage, and another one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a second opposite end portion of said internally threaded passage and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage, the housing being fixed attachable in relation to a body structure member and a structure member, wherein a threaded bolt is arranged through said internally threaded passage and the threaded bolt is adapted to connect said body structure member to the structure member in a coupling position, from which coupling position said threaded bolt, via inserts provided in said externally threaded tubes, enables adjusting operations of the threaded tubes in opposite directions along said threaded bolt, so that the threaded tubes are adjustable to a respective fixed position by turning the threaded bolt, the vehicle body comprising: said coupling arrangement interconnecting an instrument panel structure and an A-pillar section, wherein the instrument panel structure is the structure member and the A-pillar section is the body structure member.

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A coupling arrangement for fixing a first structure member to a second structure member in a vehicle, the coupling arrangement comprising:

a housing having an internally threaded passage and being fixedly attachable in relation to the structure members;

at least two externally threaded tubes disposed in said internally threaded passage, one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a first end portion of said internally threaded passage and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage, and another one of said externally threaded tubes provided in a second opposite end portion of said internally threaded passage and threadedly engaged with said internally threaded passage; and

a threaded bolt arranged through said internally threaded passage, said threaded bolt being adapted to connect said first structure member to said second structure member in a coupling position, from which coupling position said threaded bolt, via inserts provided in said externally threaded tubes, enables adjusting operations of said threaded tubes in opposite directions along said threaded bolt, so that said threaded tubes are adjustable to a respective fixed position by turning said threaded bolt; [[.]]

one of said threaded tubes and threaded housing is provided with flanges for support against a structure member.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 10, wherein the one of said threaded tubes is arranged left-hand threaded in the first end portion of the housing and the another one of said threaded tubes is arranged right-hand threaded in the second opposite end portion of the housing.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 10, wherein the fixing of said coupling arrangement is enabled by operation of one threaded bolt which is accessible from the outside of the first structure member relative to the coupling arrangement.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 10, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a body tensioning tube forming a supporting structure with said housing for the interior of the first structure member in a fixed position.

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Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 10, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a tolerance absorbing tube capable of forming a supporting structure between the coupled structure members.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The coupling arrangement of claim 10, wherein said threaded bolt is arranged to slide against an insert of a corresponding threaded tube when said threaded tube having reached a hard stop.

Claim 17 (New): The vehicle body of claim 9, wherein the one of said threaded tubes is arranged left-hand threaded in the first end portion of the housing and the another one of said threaded tubes is arranged right-hand threaded in the second opposite end portion of the housing.

Claim 18 (New): The vehicle body of claim 9, wherein the fixing of said coupling arrangement is enabled by operation of one threaded bolt which is accessible from the outside of said body structure member relative to the coupling arrangement.

Claim 19 (New): The vehicle body of claim 9, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a body tensioning tube forming a supporting structure with said housing for the interior of the body structure in a fixed position.

Claim 20 (New): The vehicle body of claim 9, wherein one of said threaded tubes is a tolerance absorbing tube capable of forming a supporting structure between said coupled structure members.

Claim 21 (New): The vehicle body of claim 9, wherein said threaded bolt is arranged to slide against an insert of a corresponding threaded tube when said threaded tube having reached a hard stop.